

Lawyers' Advisory Committee Minutes

June 6, 2007

Trenton, NJ

Chairperson John Morton opened the meeting with Judges Lyons, Ferguson and Steckroth in attendance.

1. The minutes from March 14, 2007 meeting were approved.
2. Committee Reports
 - A. Local Rules Committee – this project will begin in the fall.
 - B. Chapter 13 Committee – Jaimie B. Finberg presented the proposed language to be placed in D.N.J LBR 4001-1 regarding secured creditor fees. The committee requested that the proposed language be reviewed by the board of judges.
 - C. Attorney Discipline Mentor Committee – no report
 - D. Chapter 11 sub-committee – no report
3. Clerks Office
4. Liaison Report:
 - A. District Court – No report
 - B. United States Trustee's Office – Martha Hildebrandt reported the following:
 - 1.) Second healthcare ombudsman appointed
 - 2.) Chapter 7 Trustees in Newark are sitting every month.
 - 3.) Means testing to be discussed at Bench Bar.
 - 4.) National cease/desist by U.S Attorney - Bankruptcy Status Notification – solicitations to debtors
 - C. IRS – Marie-Ann Greenberg asked who to contact for environmental issues – contact R. Lehr.
 - D. New Jersey State Bar Association – No report
5. Old Business – Discussed during committee report

6. New Business

- 1) Letter from Steve Neuner regarding conversion fee to be reviewed by local rules committee.
- 2) Additional plan provision – Chapter 13 committee to review to see whether any provisions need to be added to model plan
- 3) Transfer of Claim/Address – Marie-Ann Greenberg presented a proposed rule. The Chapter 13 committee requested the rule be reviewed by the board of judges.
- 4) Pacer Docket Issue – John Morton asked clerk's office to review issue of pacer not being updated properly. For example, top of pacer will still reflect dismissed even after entry of order reinstating case – Mo to review.

Closing Remarks:

Next meeting September 11, 2007 location to be announced.